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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention to provide a method for preparation of source-coded data and a transmitter and receiver therefore, which are further improvements.

With the present invention, it is possible to achieve an increase in reproduction quality, for example an improved tonal quality, without having to deviate from the predetermined channel raster, as is required in the methods mentioned at the beginning or which can only be achieved by these methods without quality loss by means of an expensive encoding. With the embodiment according to invention, with a coupling of a main data stream and at least one

auxiliary data stream in different channels of the channel raster, the receiver-end useful data rate can be increased and therefore a quality improvement can be achieved in comparison with conventional methods. With the method according to invention, it is possible, through the use of simpler receivers, to demodulate and decode only the main data stream, which results in a comprehensible reproduction with a low bit rate of approximately 24 kilobit/s. Receivers with a high reproduction quality demodulate and decode both the main data stream and also at least one auxiliary data stream of a useful signal and link these two data streams so that a higher reproduction quality is achieved.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 3, cancel line 9.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS